

From: [Althea Foster](#)
To: [Craig Carroll](#); [Nancy Jones](#)
Cc: [Susan Webster](#); [John Martin](#); [Chris Petersen](#)
Subject: Re: Health Concerns Fw: Air Monitoring
Date: 06/01/2010 08:30 AM

Craig,
Do we have an update on the NOAA or USCG actions regarding the health concerns?

Nancy/Steve,
Could you guys evaluate the workload for potentially deploying an EPA Safety Officer. If the workload is not there and you all can handle it, that's alright too.
Thanks.

Althea

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▼ [Re: Health Concerns Fw: Air Monitoring](#)

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Craig Carroll to: Daniel Wainberg

05/31/2010
11:31 AM

Cc: Althea Foster, George Brozowski, Susan Webster

Sent this concern on to USCG and NOAA.

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▼ [Daniel Wainberg---05/31/2010 09:45:40 AM---I spoke with Kristen Keteles \(R8 EPA personnel who is on the Gordon Gunter vessel\) via satellite pho](#)

From: Daniel Wainberg/R1/USEPA/US
To: George Brozowski/R6/USEPA/US@EPA, Craig Carroll/R6/USEPA/US@EPA, Althea Foster/R6/USEPA/US@EPA, Susan Webster/R6/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 05/31/2010 09:45 AM

I spoke with Kristen Keteles (R8 EPA personnel who is on the Gordon Gunter vessel) via satellite phone last evening. She called to discuss some data management issues and to express some concerns about air quality. The vessel is involved with the NOAA subsurface monitoring program. They don't have air monitoring on the ship and last night they were in an area with strong odor. See the email string below with her comments regarding this issue. I was able to speak with the on duty IH last night and put him in touch with her via email and I spoke with the Incident Command Safety Officer this morning and forwarded her the Safety Officer's email and the information the crew on the vessel needs to forward to the Safety Officer to register a concern, but I am emailing you all so you can consider this since I think its somewhat unique at this point that we are providing some staff on these vessels. I understand this has been discussed previously, but don't know all the background.

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----- Forwarded by Daniel Wainberg/R1/USEPA/US on 05/31/2010 01:04 AM -----

From: Daniel Wainberg/R1/USEPA/US
To: Kristen Keteles/R8/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: stanley.burt@bp.com
Date: 05/30/2010 11:44 PM
Subject: Re: Air Monitoring

Kristen. I am ccing Stanley Burt who is the IH on duty this evening to start. He is going to communicate with you and I will also speak with safety officer tomorrow a.m.

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▼ Kristen Keteles

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From: Kristen Keteles
Sent: 05/30/2010 09:13 PM MDT
To: Daniel Wainberg
Subject: Re: Air Monitoring

They did elevate it up their chain with no response. They are going to keep pressing, but thought it would be good if you can see what you can find from your end, because the information they are receiving from their end indicates that there isn't any air monitoring going on or the info is not available. The fumes were very potent earlier when oil

was burning. At the moment the vapors aren't too bad, but given that some compounds may be present in concentrations that will exceed the PEL without being smelled, there is some concern regarding what the crew on the Gunter as well as the other vessels are being exposed to.

Kristen

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▼ Daniel Wainberg---05/30/2010 09:06:41 PM---Kristen. I will elevate this and speak to the safety officer, but please make sure to tell the Comm

From: Daniel Wainberg/R1/USEPA/US
To: Kristen Keteles/R8/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 05/30/2010 09:06 PM
Subject: Re: Air Monitoring

Kristen. I will elevate this and speak to the safety officer, but please make sure to tell the Commander of the ship and the USCG that they need to run this up there chain. do you have any immediate concerns for this evening?
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▼ Kristen Keteles

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From: Kristen Keteles
Sent: 05/30/2010 08:52 PM MDT
To: Daniel Wainberg
Subject: Air Monitoring

Thanks. Just sent that email address the request.

CO can't get any response up the chain. Even our USGC strike team member can't find air monitoring info. Can you please elevate this issue to the Health and Safety Officer. Someone should be doing Air Monitoring. If not it would be great if we could get an air monitor out here. We have no idea if we are within OSHA's PEL

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